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Stories of Reds in CIA Are 'Wild,' House Told

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By the Associated Press

Representative Arends of Illinois, assistant House Republican leader, defended the Central Intelligence Agency today against charges that it has been infiltrated by Soviet intelligence.

In a House speech, Mr. Arends said these accusations were wild and based on half-truths, distortions, and complete untruths.

Mr. Arends, who called the CIA "the finest intelligence agency in the world today," focused his remarks on some recent articles in the New York Journal American.

Mr. Arends called the series "irresponsible" and said his information as a member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on the CIA indicated that charges in the series were incorrect.

Series Quotes Goleniewski

The series deals with Michal Goleniewski, a Polish defector who was high in the ranks of the Soviet secret service.

In the series, Mr. Goleniewski is quoted as telling United States security agents that the Russian secret spy apparatus has infiltrated every United States agency except the FBI, that the CIA had somehow siphoned \$1.2 million of its own funds into Communist hands in Vienna, and that Stalinists in the CIA have blocked his efforts to expose the situation.

Mr. Arends said the CIA subcommittee "went into every aspect of this case."

Lindsay Article Also Hit

"I am personally satisfied that the publicized statements purported to come from Michael Goleniewski are not correct," he said. "The information as reported in the press is not in agreement with the information Michael Goleniewski

as made available to many departments of Government."

Mr. Arends also defended the CIA against criticism by a fellow Republican, Representative Lindsay of New York, in a recent magazine article. Mr. Lindsay long has advocated a joint congressional committee to oversee activities of the secret CIA.

Mr. Lindsay wrote that during the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba the CIA was shaping United States policy and was at odds with State Department thinking.

"Based on my knowledge," Mr. Arends said, "the assertion and implications of the statement are false."

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